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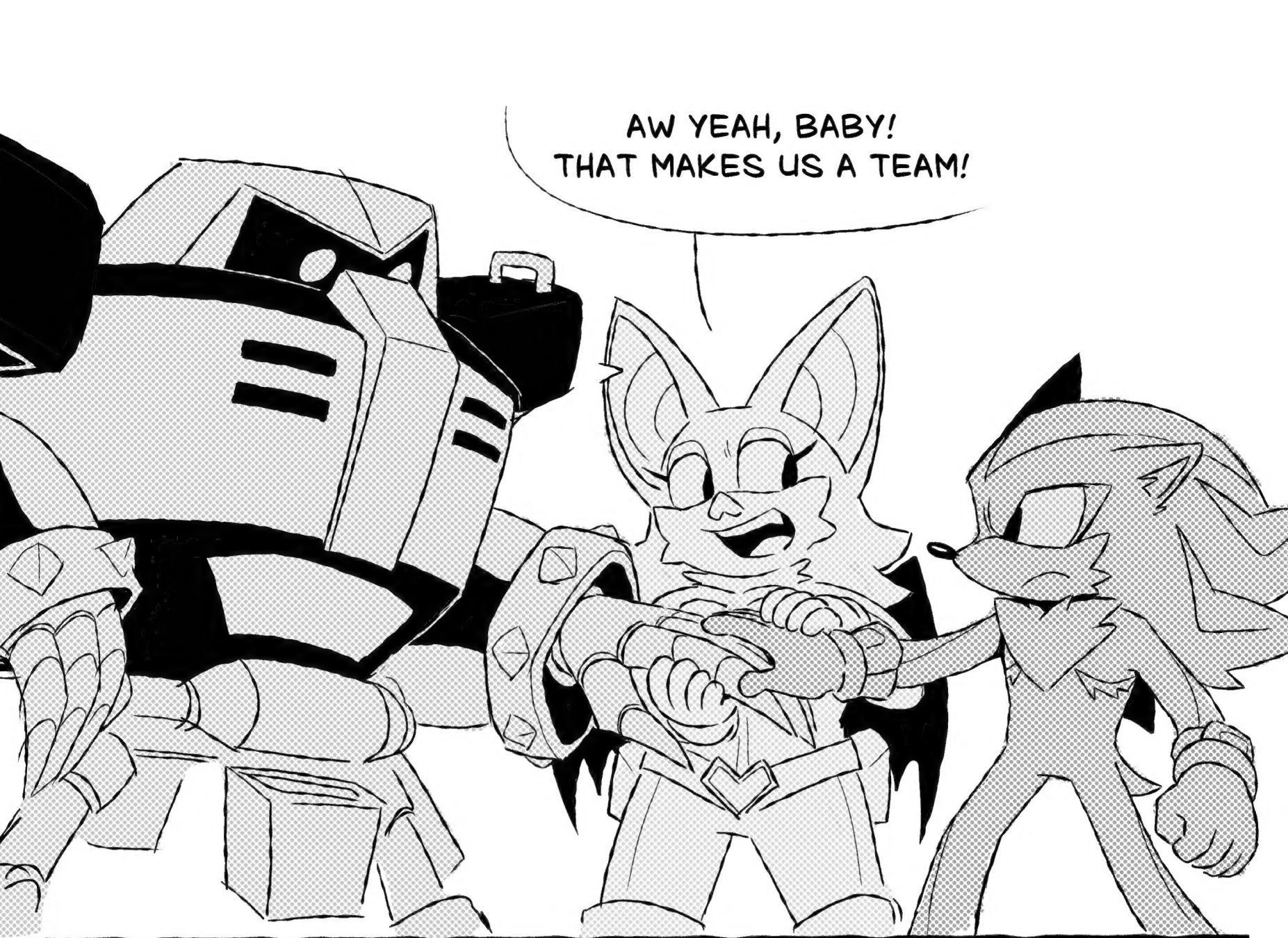
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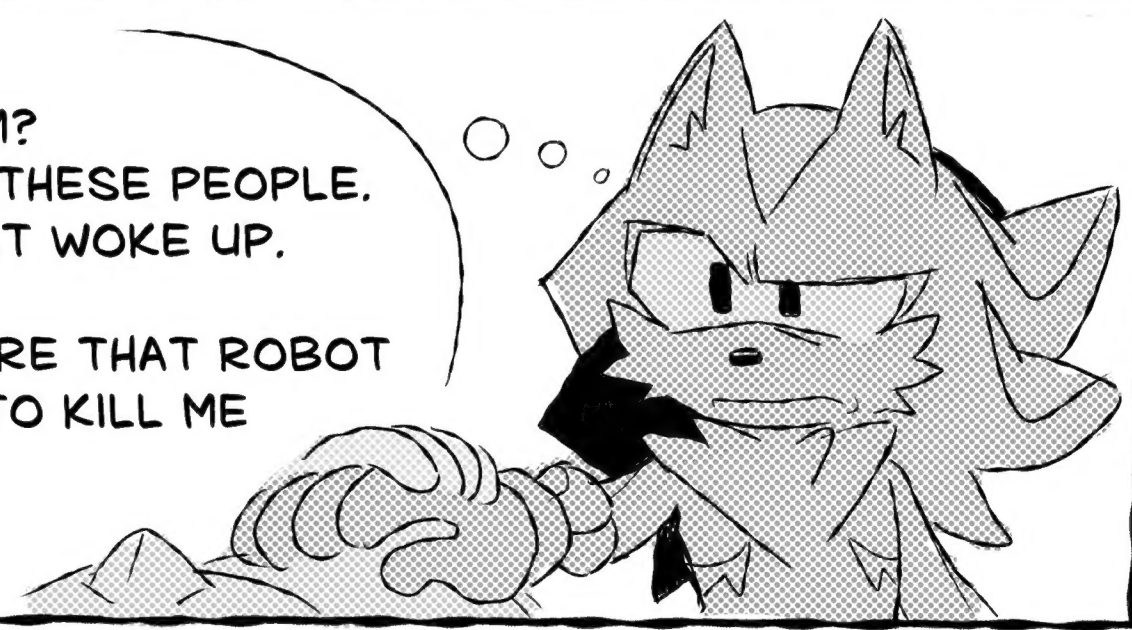
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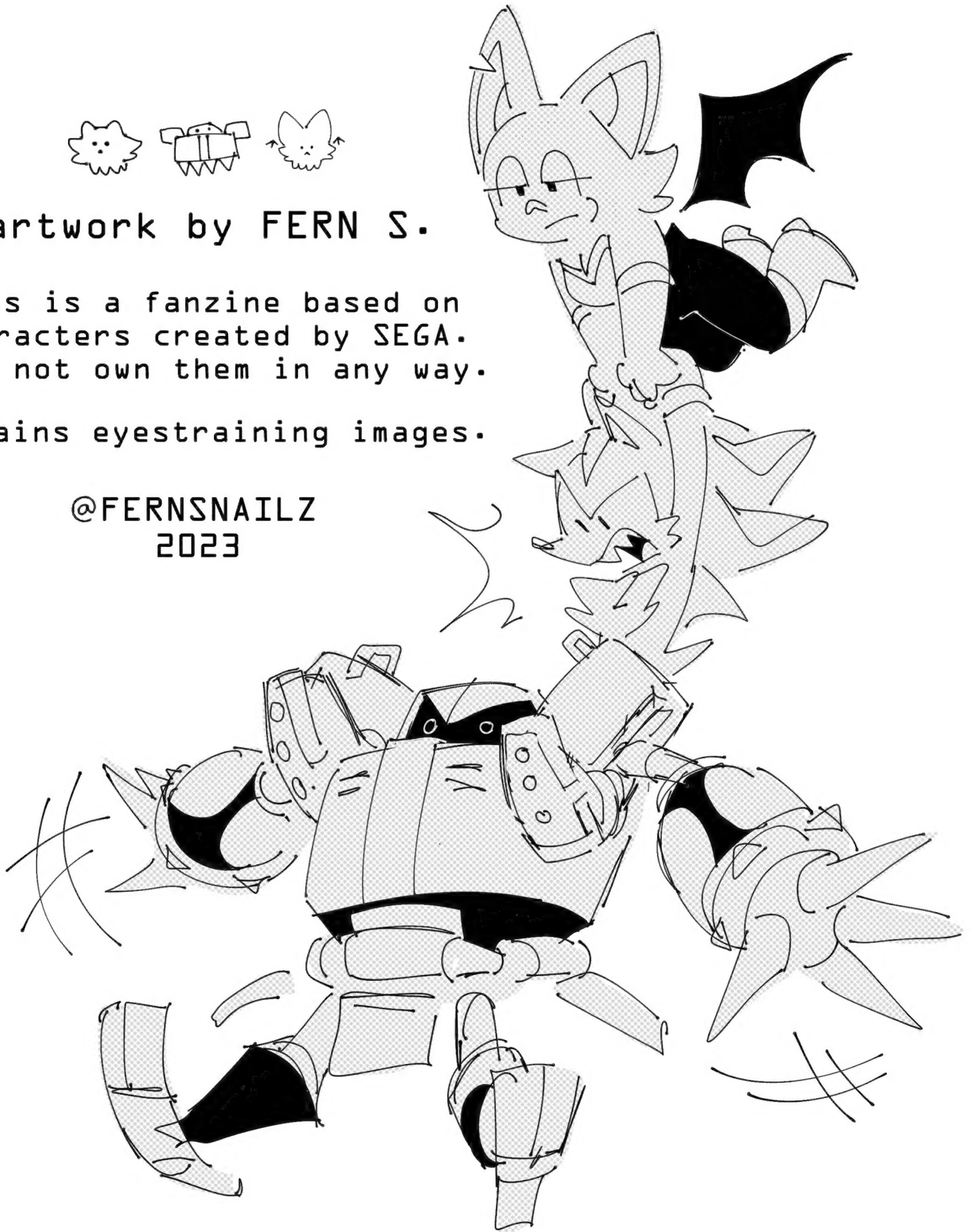
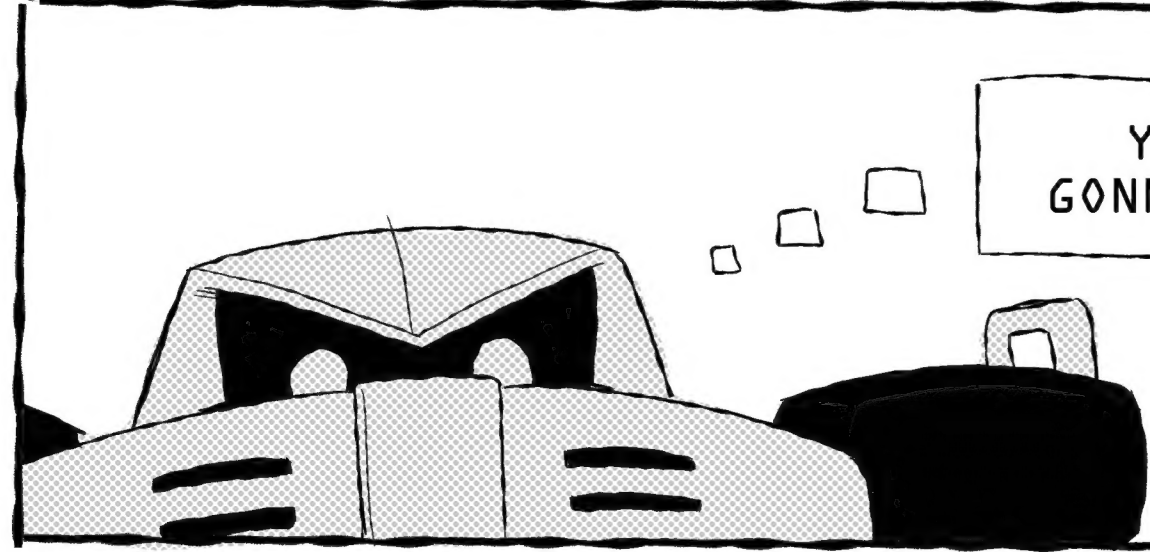
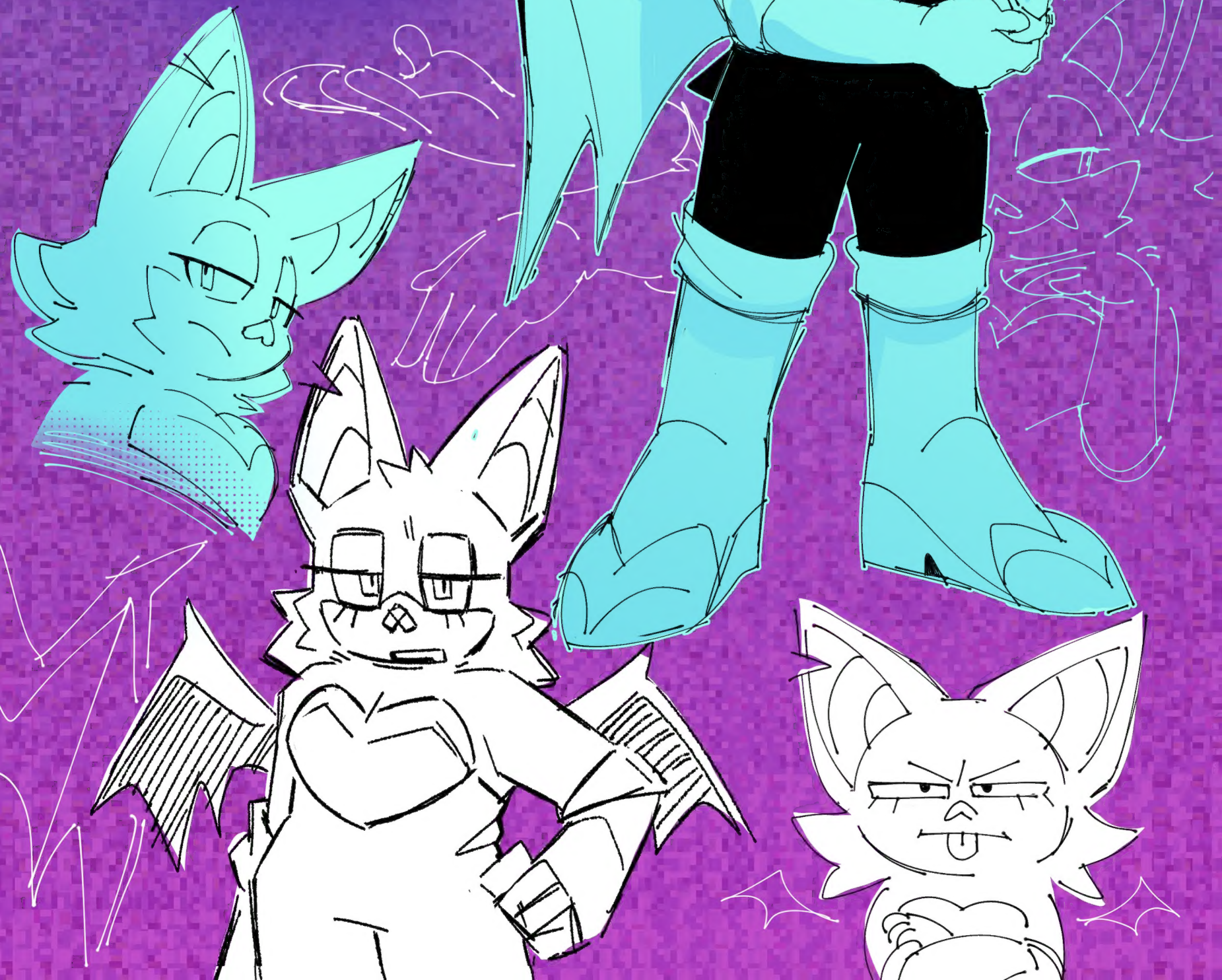
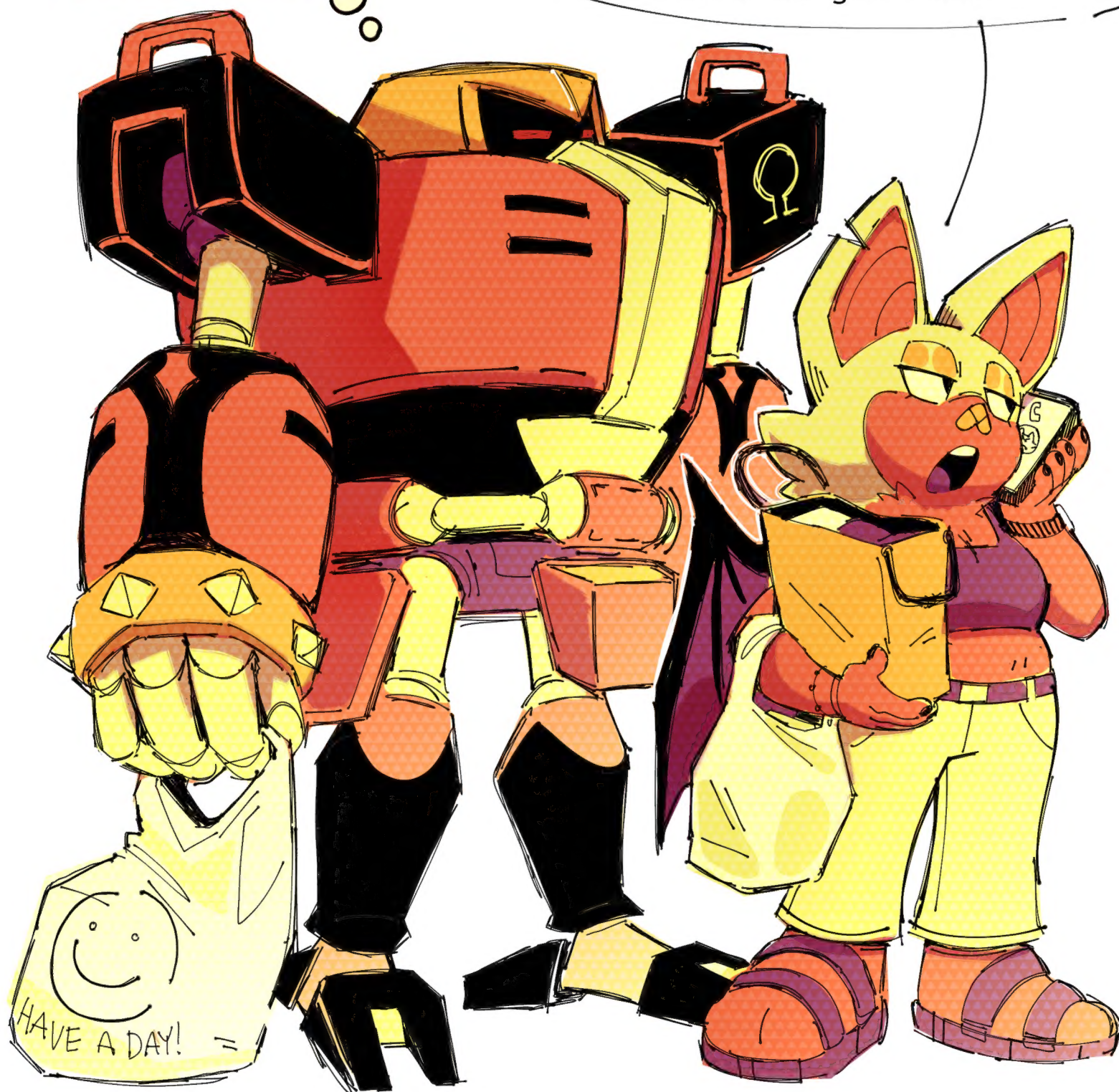

AW YEAH, BABY!
THAT MAKES US A TEAM!
...TEAM?
WHO THE HELL ARE THESE PEOPLE.
I LITERALLY JUST WOKE UP.
ALSO I'M PRETTY SURE THAT ROBOT
STILL WANTS TO KILL ME
YEAH I'M STILL
GONNA KILL THAT GUY

FILE: SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
SPECIES: MOBIAN HEDGEHOG/BLACK ARMS
AGE: 50*
CREATED BY GERALD ROBOTNIK AS PART OF PROJECT SHADOW, A CLASSIFIED SCIENCE EXPERIMENT THAT TOOK PLACE 50 YEARS AGO. KNOWN AS "THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM."
POSESSES NUMEROUS CHAOS ABILITIES. IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS ALIVE, BUT ACTS ON HIS OWN ACCORD AND MORALS. HIGHLY DANGEROUS.
*WAS IN STASIS FOR MOST OF THAT TIME. MIGHT AS WELL BE 15, HE SURE ACTS LIKE IT!

FILE: E-123 OMEGA
SPECIES: ROBOT
AGE: UNKNOWN
CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL THREAT IVO ROBOTNIK AS PART OF HIS "E-100" SERIES OF ROBOTS.
MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO DESTROY ROBOTNIK, AND THUS IS CURRENTLY ALLIED WITH THE GUARDIAN UNIT OF NATIONS.
CARRIES AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL AND EXPLOSIVE ARSENAL, BUT CAN BE UNPREDICTABLE. HIGHLY DANGEROUS.

FILE: ROUGE THE BAT
SPECIES: MOBIAN BAT
AGE: 18
ELUSIVE JEWEL THEIF AND SPY FOR HIRE. HER PRICES ARE STEEP, BUT HER MISSION SUCCESS RATE IS 100%. PLACE OF ORIGIN UNKNOWN. RELATIVES UNKNOWN.
LEADER OF TEAM DARK AND CURRENT ALLY OF G.U.N. ONLY KEEPS ALLIES IF THEY BRING HER A PERSONAL ADVANTAGE.
EXTREMELY CUNNING AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS.

hey. we're on our way home.
yeah i picked up takeout for us tonight, but you didn't respond to my text asking what you wanted so i just got you some fried rice.
yeah i got extra eggrolls.
but i'm making omega carry it so it might be kinda beat up when we get back.
HAVE A DAY!

SONIC ADVENTURE 2
SHADOW
EVERYONE
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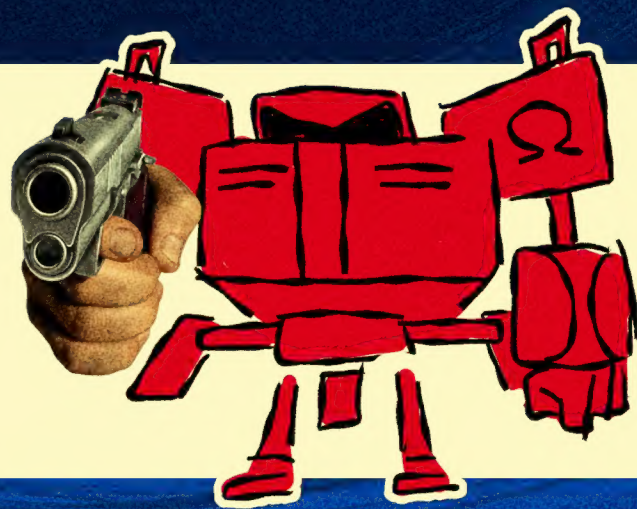
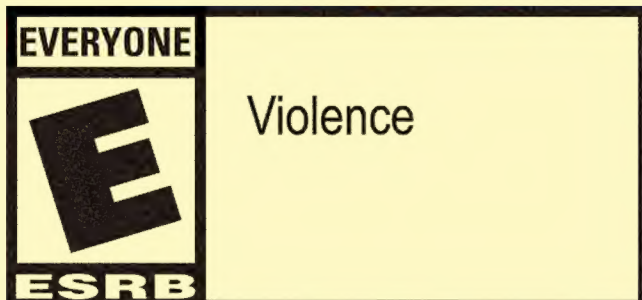
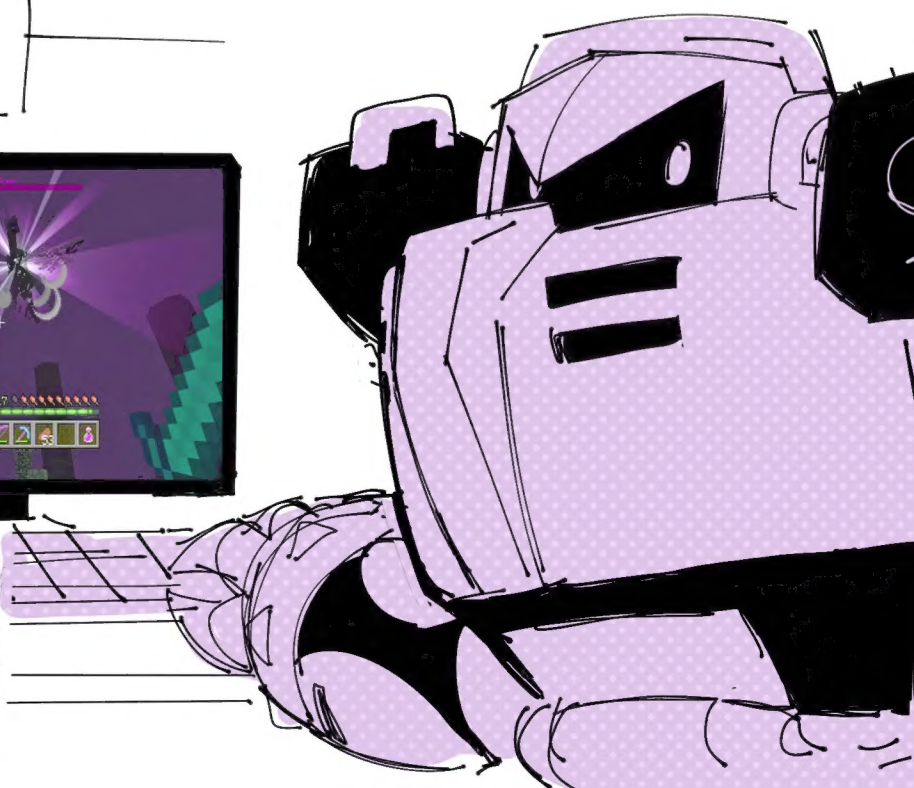
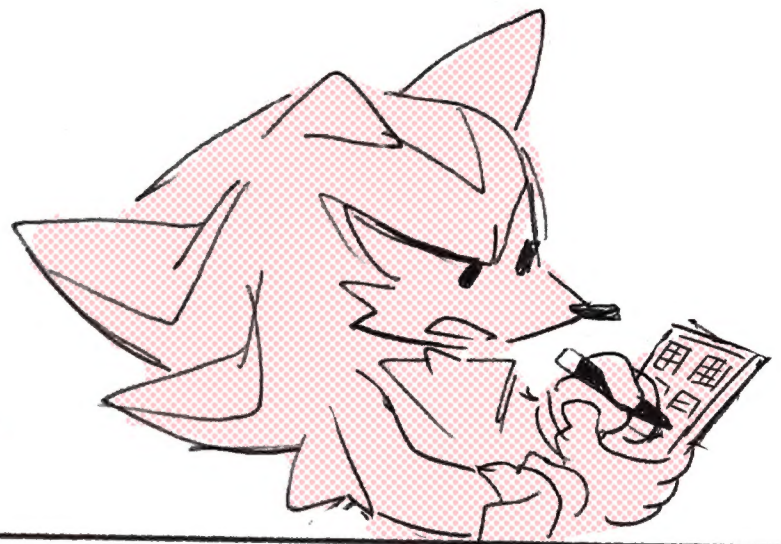
Violence

shadow i need you back at the base to help me fight off the mobs

wait, i'm trying to remove something from my squares
hit Q on your keyboard.
"Q"? why "Q"? why not "R" for "Remove"?

ROUGE I HAVE DEFEATED THE DRAGON
WHAT? HOW?? we've been playing for FIFTEEN MINUTES
THE GAME WAS DESIGNED TO BE BEATEN.
SO I BEAT IT.

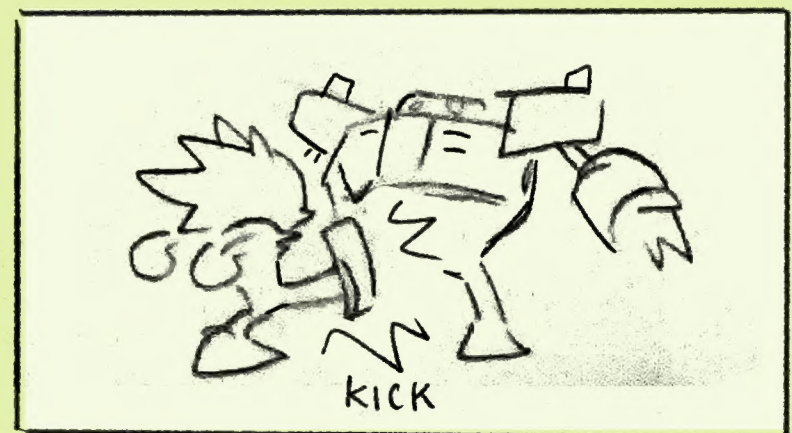
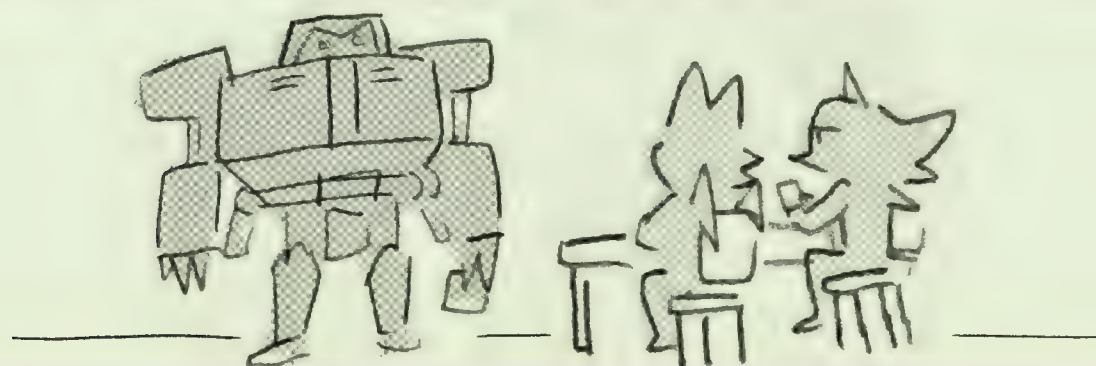
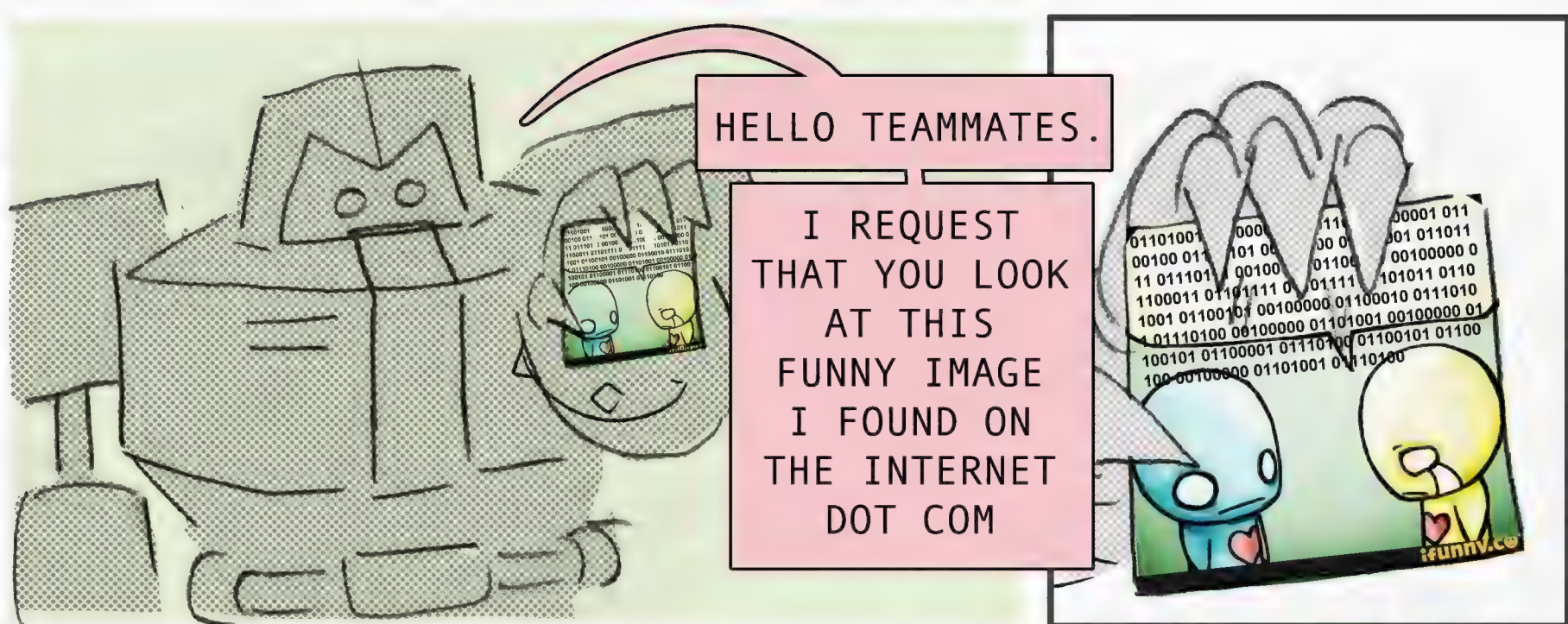
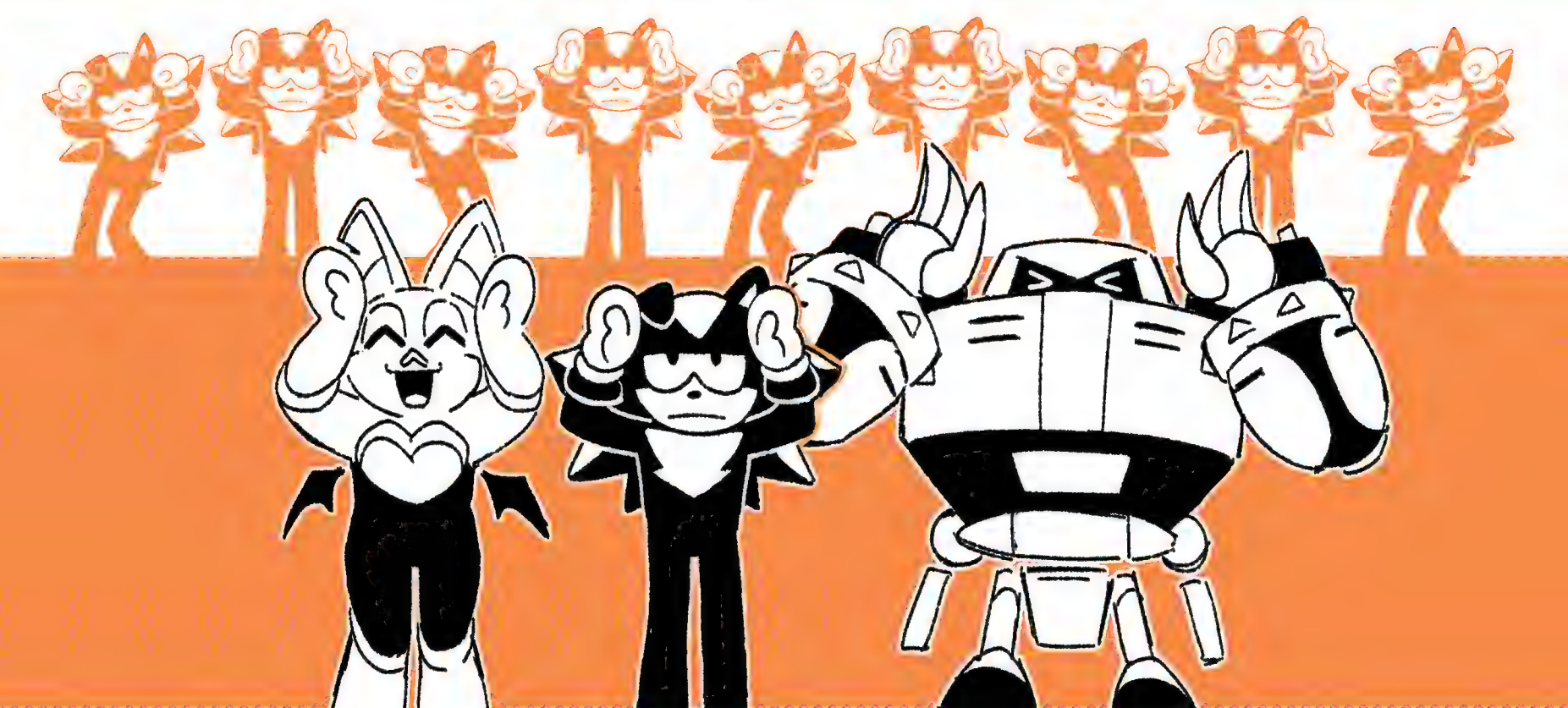
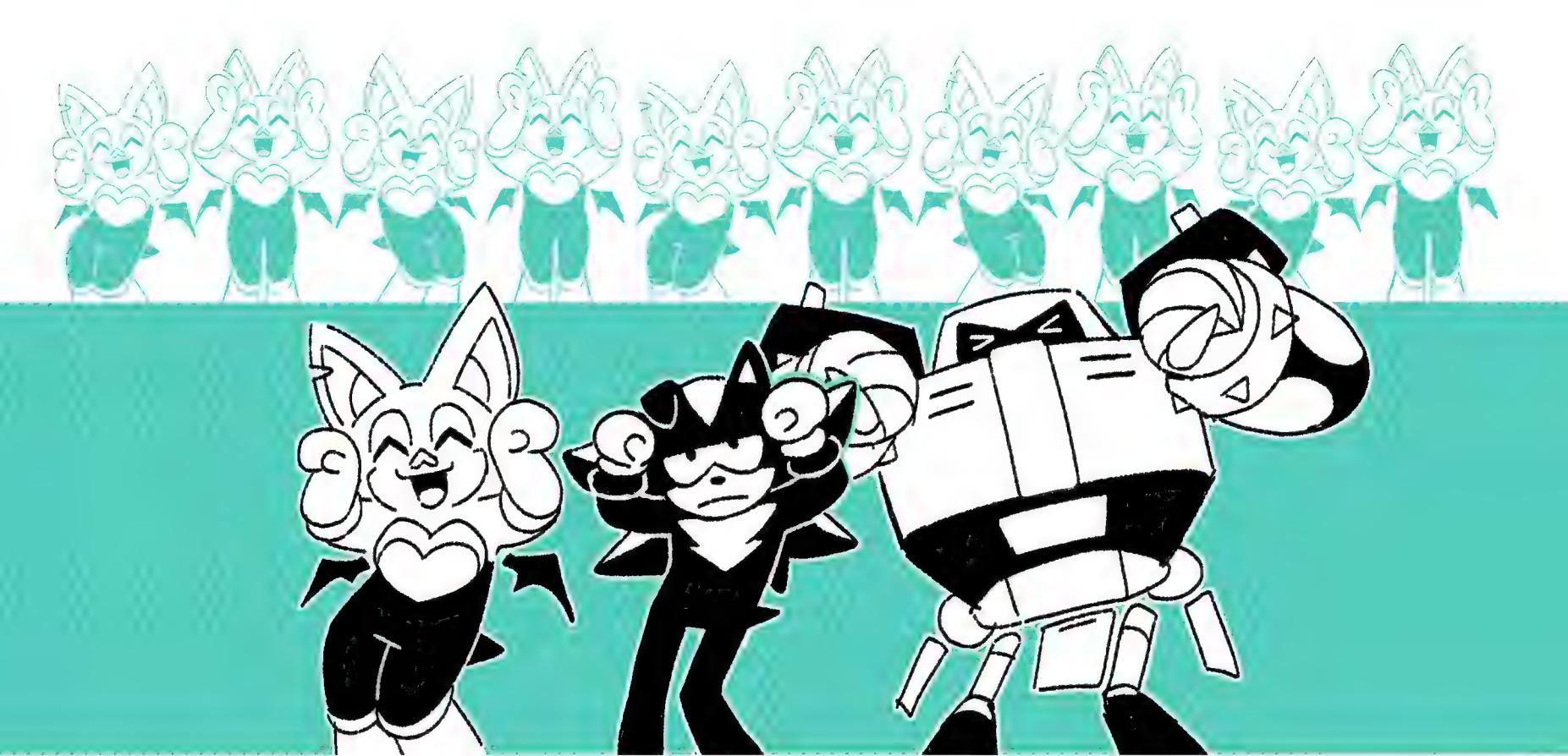
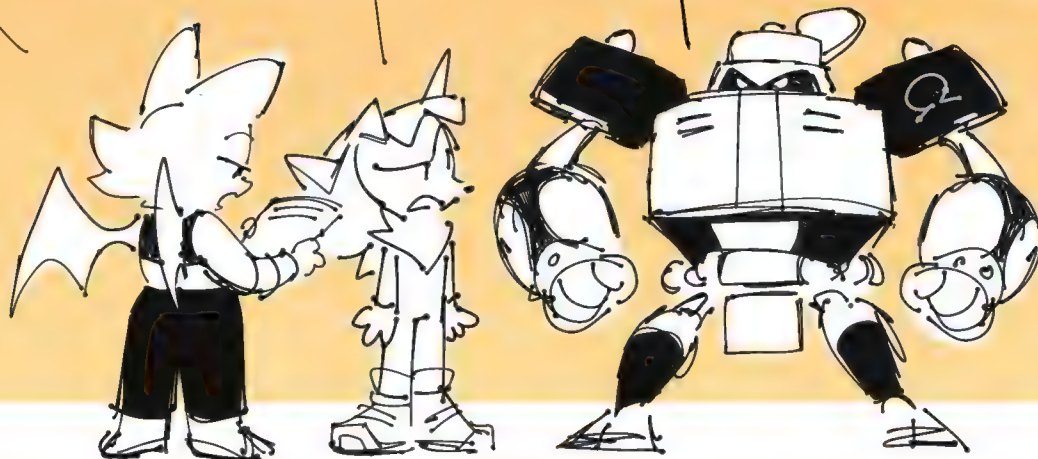
i'm going to drink all of this and then watch air bud 2 the one where he plays soccer
liquid

incorrect.
he plays football in the second movie.

how tf do you know this you've only seen like two movies

yeah.
air bud and air bud 2

hey omega what would you do if i kicked you really hard right now
I WOULD FUCKING KILL YOU

KICK

YOUR LIFE ENDS NOW

HELLO TEAMMATES.
I REQUEST THAT YOU LOOK AT THIS FUNNY IMAGE I FOUND ON THE INTERNET DOT COM
...what?
sorry sweetheart, i don't really get it.
SUDOKU
PROCESSING.
IT SEEMS I HAVE "POSTED CRINGE."
INITIATING SELF-DESTRUCT SEQUENCE
NO

oh wait. Omega you've been disqualified from the Grand Prix for "unsportsmanlike behavior."
WHAT
UNACCEPTABLE
didn't you threaten to disembowel all of the other participants?
I FAIL TO SEE HOW THAT IS RELEVANT

his name is World of Warcraft and he was
forced to eat cement as a child

BEACH
EPISODE!

Tripod Baby - M-Flo

team dark

YOU CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER, OMEGA. THEY'RE JUST USING YOU.
THEY KEEP TEAM DARK ON A TIGHT LEASH SO THEY CAN **MONITOR** US AND USE OUR ABILITIES.
TAKE MY ADVICE: GET OUT WHILE YOU CAN.

WAIT, YOU WANT TO STAY WITH TEAM DARK?
CORRECT.
...WHY?

YOU ARE ONE OF TWO LIFEFORMS ON THIS PLANET THAT I TRUST AND RESPECT.
AND I KNOW THIS TRUST IS RECIPROCATED...

...BECAUSE YOU LET THE WALKING ARSENAL FOLD YOUR FAVORITE BLANKET.

GUESS WE CAN'T GET RID OF YOU THAT EASILY.
AFFIRMATIVE. YOU WOULD BOTH BE POWERLESS WITHOUT ME.
FAIR ENOUGH.

File: HOPE KINTOBOR

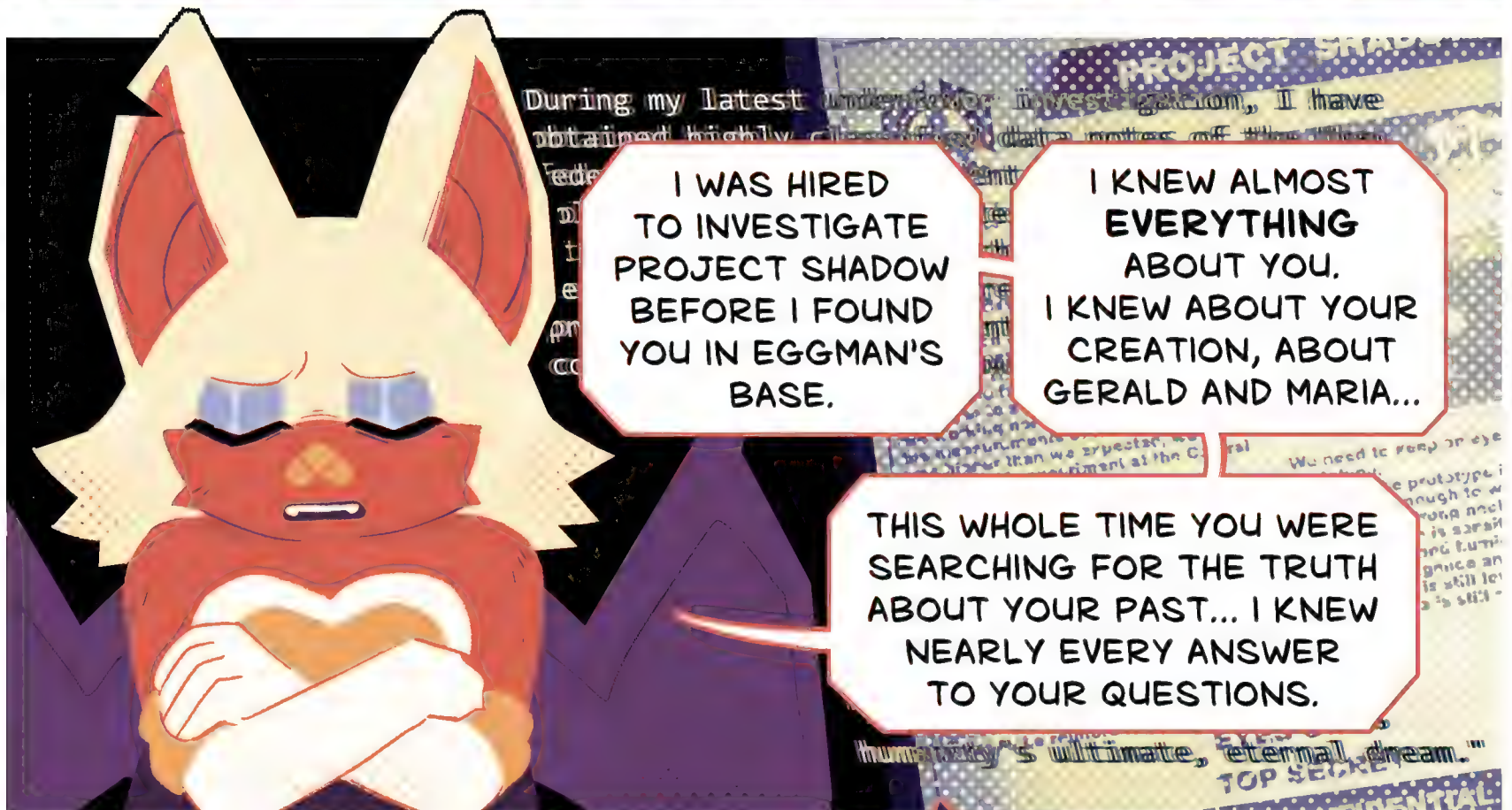
SPECIES: OVERLANDER AGE: 14

FORMERLY A MECHANIC AND ROBOTICS ENGINEER FOR THE GUARDIAN UNIT OF NATIONS.
RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL THREATS IVO AND SNIVELY ROBOTNIK.
NO OTHER KNOWN LIVING RELATIVES.
ALLY TO TEAM DARK.
LOST IN THE SUPER GENESIS WAVE

HEY OMEGA...
DID I EVER TELL YOU THAT
SHADOW IS A ROBOT, AND...
NEVERMIND.
YOU KNOW ABOUT
CLONING.
THE ORIGINAL MUST
EXIST SOMEWHERE.

SHADOW.
BEFORE YOU REGAIN ALL OF YOUR MEMORIES... I NEED TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.

I WAS HIRED TO INVESTIGATE PROJECT SHADOW BEFORE I FOUND YOU IN EGGMAN'S BASE.
I KNEW ALMOST **EVERYTHING** ABOUT YOU. I KNEW ABOUT YOUR CREATION, ABOUT GERALD AND MARIA...
THIS WHOLE TIME YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR PAST... I KNEW NEARLY EVERY ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

...
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

AFTER OMEGA AND I FOUND YOU, I WASN'T SURE IF YOU WERE THE ORIGINAL SHADOW OR ANOTHER COPY...

AND I DIDN'T WANT TO BURDEN YOU WITH A HISTORY THAT WASN'T YOURS.

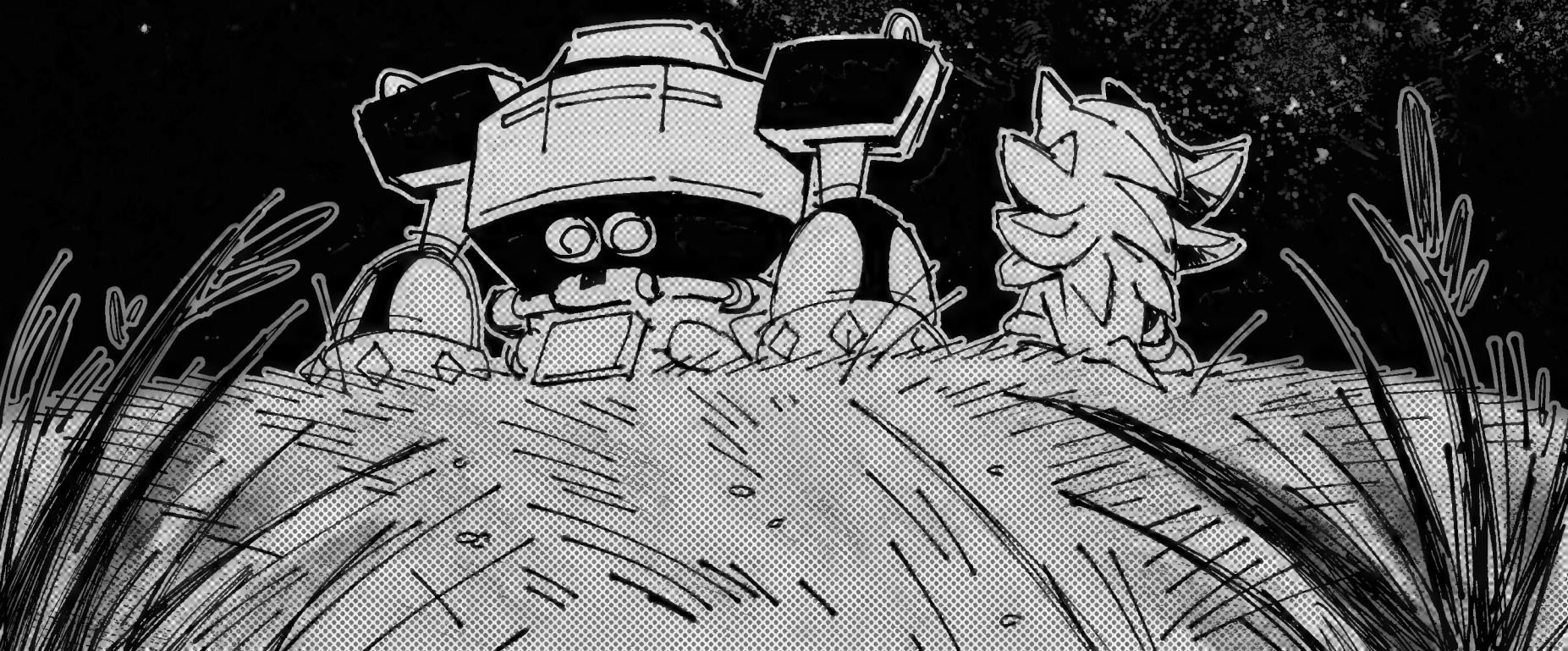
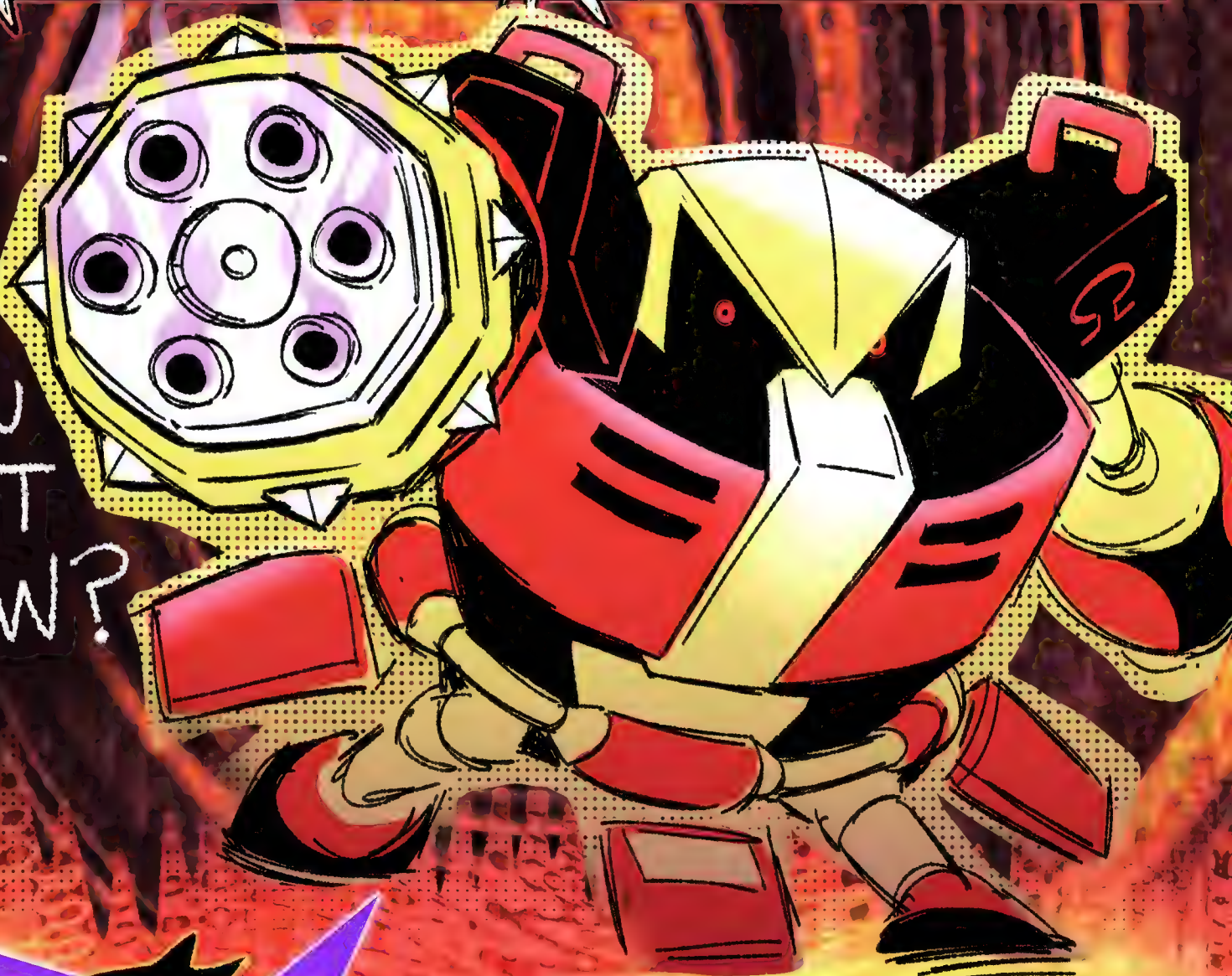
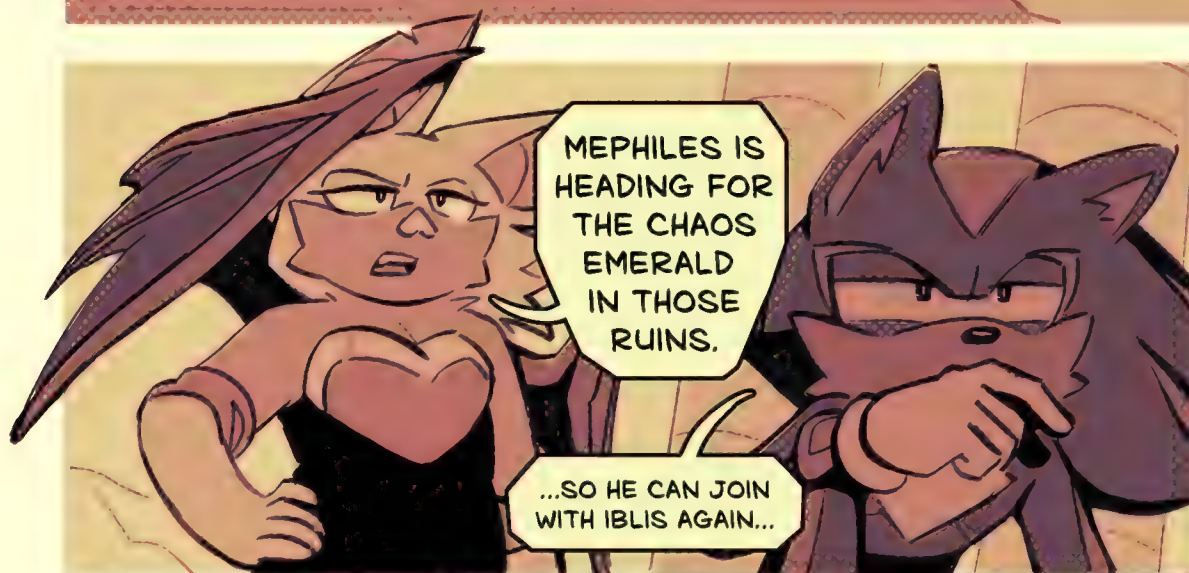
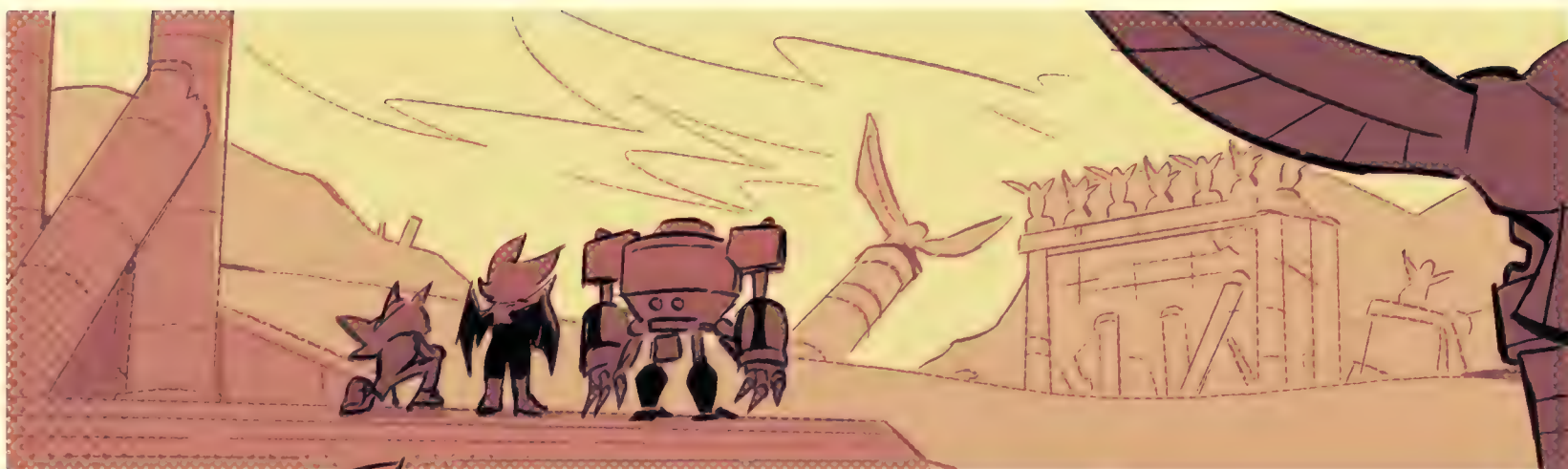
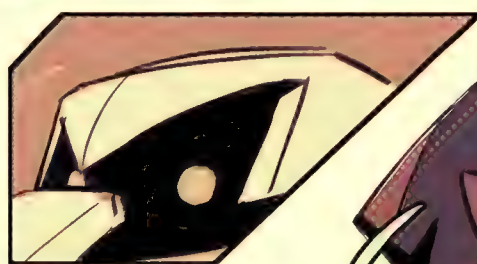
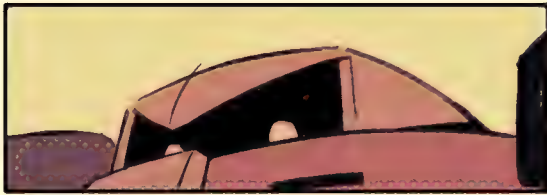
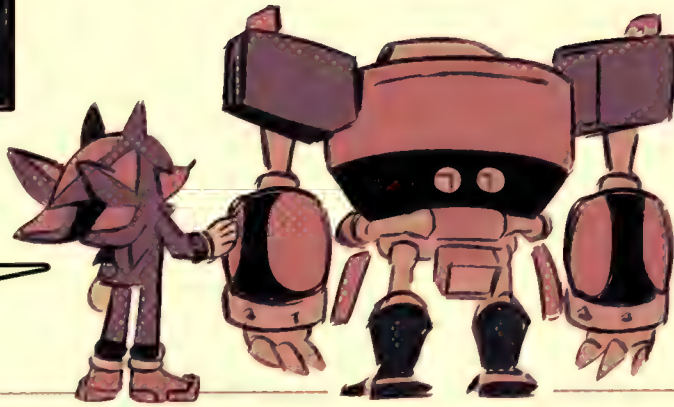
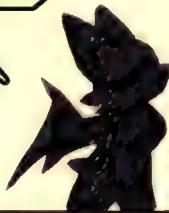
I THOUGHT THAT... MAYBE A SHADOW WITHOUT A PAST COULD FINALLY LIVE THE LIFE THAT **HE** WANTED.

OMEGA THE MAGPIE

ORIGINALLY A HIGHLY RANKED BADNIK IN EGGMAN'S MILITIA, OMEGA WAS SUBJECTED TO ONE OF EGGMAN'S EXPERIMENTS WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND WAS ACCIDENTALLY FUSED WITH THE FLICKY POWERING HIM, TRANSFORMING HIM INTO A MOBIAN-BADNIK HYBRID.

NOW, OMEGA IS ON A MISSION TO DESTROY EVERY BADNIK IN THE ARMY HE USED TO CONTROL, MAKING SURE HE IS THE ONLY MOBIAN-BADNIK HYBRID THAT EVER EXISTS.

IN ALL HONESTY
I DON'T KNOW IF GERALD EVER ACTUALLY CARED ABOUT ME.
I THOUGHT HE SAW ME AS FAMILY...
BUT IN HIS FINAL MOMENTS, HE SHATTERED MY SOUL AND TURNED ME AGAINST THE WORLD.
HOW COULD HE DO THAT TO HIS SON?
WAS I ALWAYS JUST ANOTHER MONSTER TO HIM?
...NOT LIKE IT MATTERS ANYMORE.
HE'S DEAD.

IF GERALD SAW YOU AS A MONSTER, THEN HE FAILED YOU AS EGGMAN FAILED ME.
THEY BOTH THREW US AWAY, YET WE ARE STRONG IN SPITE OF THEIR FAILURES.
IF THEY DID NOT SEE ANY VALUE IN OUR LIVES, THEN THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO TO PROVE THEM WRONG.
WE MUST KEEP LIVING.

THIS ONLY PROVES YOU WERE CREATED TO STOP SHADOW, THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM.
DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T KNOW?
YOU ARE A WAR MACHINE PROGRAMMED BY HUMANITY, SHADOW'S ENEMY.
HIS SEALED FATE YOU SAW IN THE FUTURE...
THAT WAS YOUR DOING.

MEPHILES IS HEADING FOR THE CHAOS EMERALD IN THOSE RUINS.
...SO HE CAN JOIN WITH IBLIS AGAIN...
I WILL STOP HIM BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.
...I HAVE TO.
OMEGA.
I WON'T LET THE FUTURE MEPHILES SPOKE OF HAPPEN, NO MATTER WHAT.
YOU'RE OUR TEAMMATE, AND NOTHING WILL CHANGE THAT.

UNDERSTOOD... TEAMMATE.
HM.
WHAT?
NOTHING. I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE BOTH HERE.
WELL, BOYS...
FWUMF
YOU READY TO GO KILL THAT GUY?
LET'S GO!

IT'S FUTILE. THE WORLD WILL BETRAY YOU.
WHY FIGHT AT ALL?
WHY RISK YOUR LIFE FOR THOSE WHO WILL PERSECUTE YOU LATER?
CLACK!
IF THE WORLD CHOOSES TO BECOME MY ENEMY...
THEN I WILL FIGHT LIKE I ALWAYS HAVE!

his name is Tower.

CORRECTION: DEAR G.U.N. TOWER.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF TEAM DARK, HEREBY SUBMIT OUR COLLECTIVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM THE GUARDIAN UNIT OF NATIONS.

OUR LAST DAY IS RIGHT NOW.

WE WILL NEVER WORK FOR THIS ORGANIZATION AGAIN. EVER.

CONSIDER OUR RESIGNATIONS AN INDICATION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S GREATEST FAILURE, AND GOOD LUCK RUNNING THIS SHOW WITHOUT US.

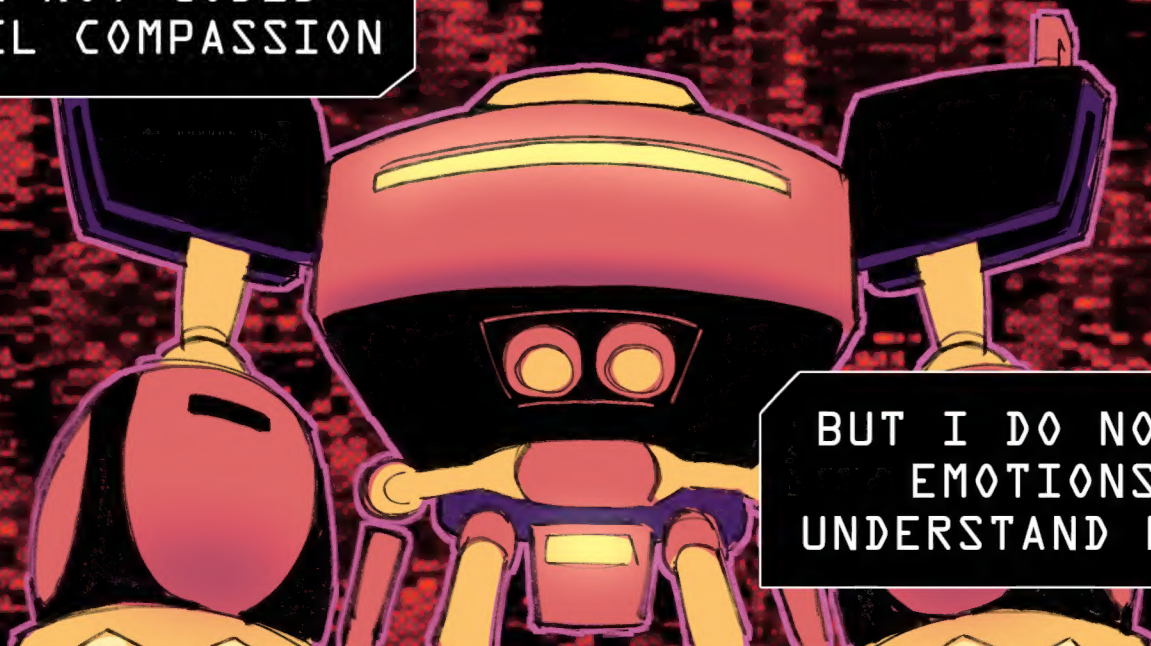
SIGNED: ROUGE the BAT
shadow the hedgehog
E-123 OMEGA

honestly not bad for a first draft.

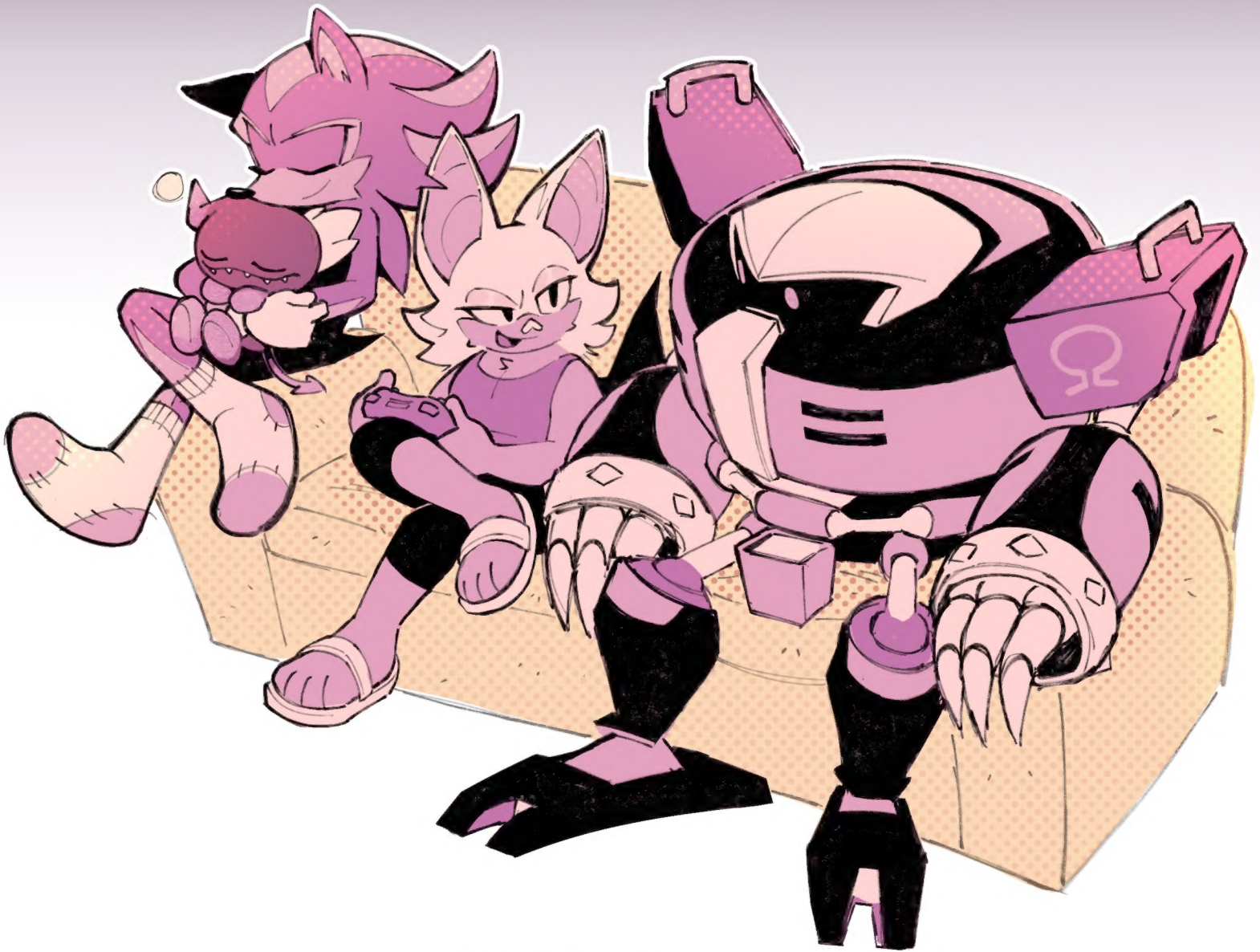
we should add an extra "fuck you" at the end.

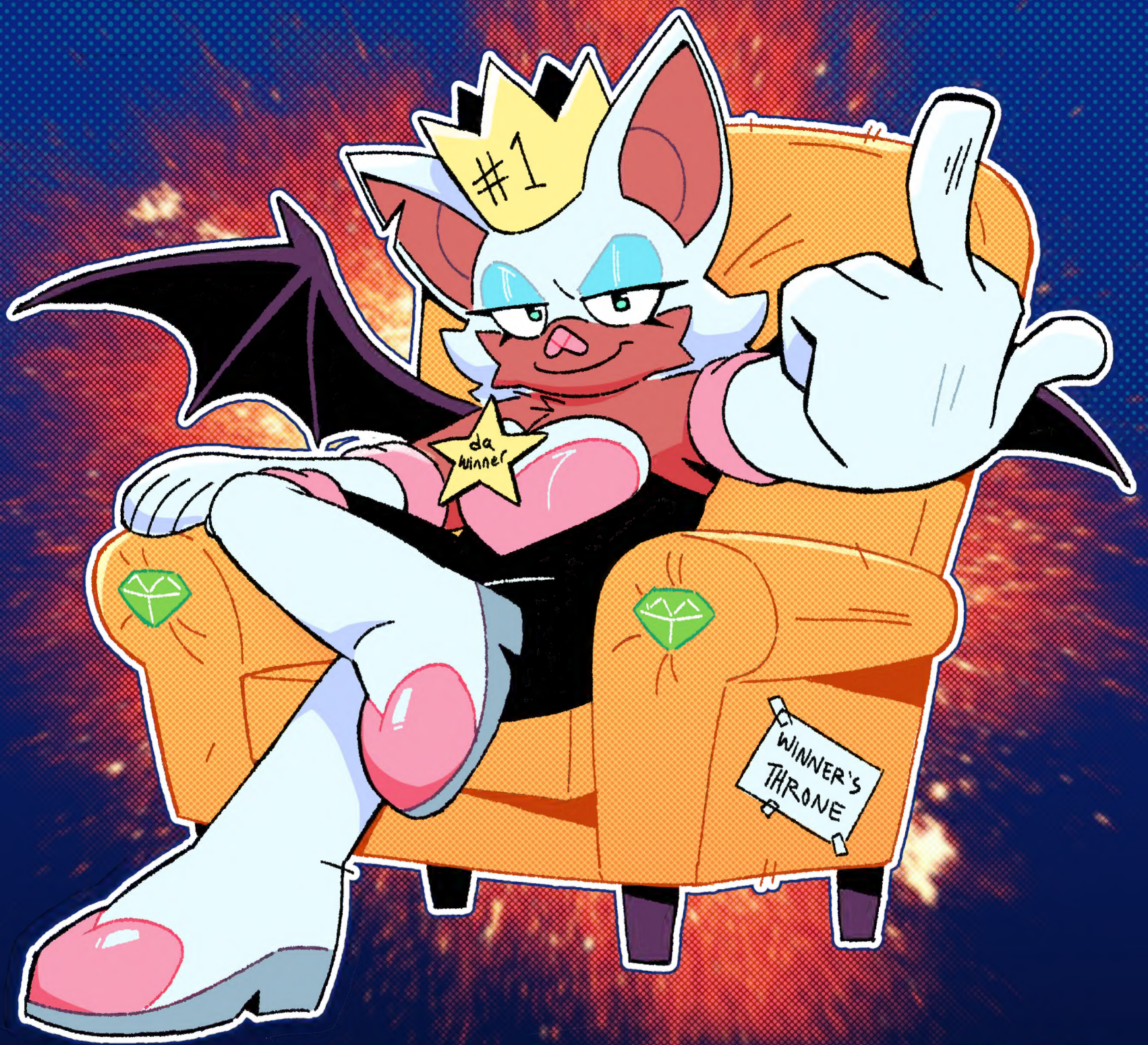
yeah we should add fuck you at the end

I DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE'S POWER TO HELP ME FIGHT

BUT I WOULD BATTLE ENTIRE WORLDS ALONGSIDE YOU

BUT I FINALLY REMEMBER

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND

I FINALLY FEEL

WHAT IT'S LIKE

TO HAVE A HOME

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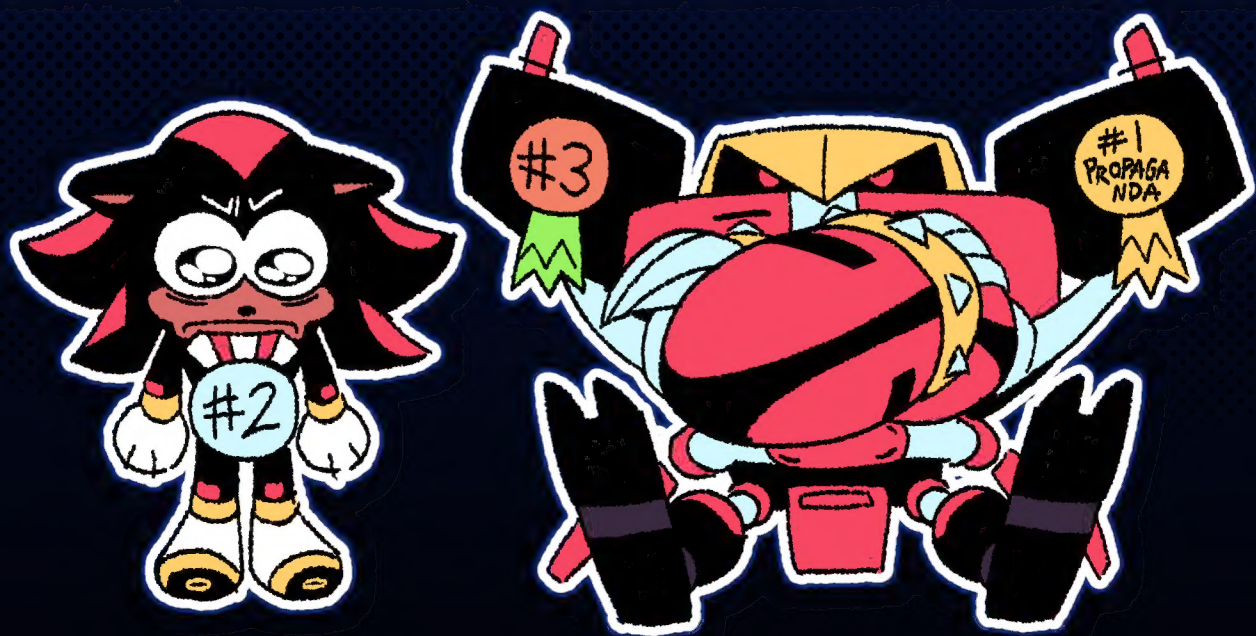
CONGRATS FOR WINNING THE 2023 TEAM DARK FEST. GO WOMEN

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